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**Sunday Mass**  
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm  
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

**Sunday 14th Apr '24**

**Sunday Mass**  
 Sun 11.00am &  
 12.30pm

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**BAPTISMS**

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Ruairi Michael McGrath**, son of Kieran & Tierney U.S.A. **Frederick John Hyde**, son of Sean & Linda, Thornbury View. **Gearoid Timothy Downey**, son of Denis & Annemarie, Rochestown Road.

**DEATHS**

The deaths took place of the following: **Noreen Hughes**, Maryborough, dearly loved wife of the late Nicholas S., loving mother of Eleanor, Rae & Carl. *May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad.*

**NEWS DESK**

**FINANCE** The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2512**, St. Patrick's: **€1720**. *Many Thanks for your generosity.*

**THINKING ABOUT THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?** There is a special "Come and See;" afternoon for men aged between 18 and 40 who may be thinking about Priesthood for the Diocese of Cork and Ross. It will take place from 2-5pm on **Sunday April 28th** in Mardyke House, Cork City (T12 W8RP). The afternoon will include time for prayer, reflection, discussion and a social dimension. For more information email [vocations@corkandross.org](mailto:vocations@corkandross.org).

**NOTICES**

**SURGEON NOONAN** proudly presents **Harmonies and Hits**, featuring international award winning chamber choir 'Ancór' and 'Irish Doctors Choir'. Join us for a family Sunday afternoon musical extravaganza featuring classical choral repertoire as well as your favourite Broadway shows and blockbuster movies. Find us at St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Washington Street, Cork on **SUN 14th APR at 15:30**, with all proceeds going directly towards underfunded rural hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at <https://bookings.scopetickets.com/event/11961>. Children under 12 go free!

**PARKINSONS MASS, Rochestown on WED 17th APR @ 7.00pm.** Fr James McSweeney, CO -Parish Priest of Carrigaline Parish has kindly agreed to celebrate a very special Mass for People with Parkinson's, their families, and friends to take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown, Cork on Wednesday 17th of April 2024 at 7.00 pm (EIRCODE T12 NW 01). Fr James has written many messages of hope, prayers, reflections and meditations in several books he has published including A Year In Reflection as well as on his blog which he updates daily, 2u.ie. It will be a Mass of Healing And Hope and promises to be a very uplifting and spiritual experience. The ceremony will include The Sacrament of the Sick and will remember past members who are no longer with us. Gerome Maume will lead singing by the Perpetual Motion Choir. *Everyone is welcome to attend*, either in person or by livestream and we extend an invitation to all people with an interest in Parkinson's throughout Ireland to join us.

Refreshments will be provided to the congregation after the ceremony. Enquiries to 0872375558 Or 0863614572.

**ETHIOPIA DEAF PROJECT (EDP/VLM).** On **Saturday, 18th May**, EDP/VLM will host a charity concert at **Holy Trinity Church** in Cork City (a venue known for its wonderful acoustics) at 7.00pm. We are delighted that the inspirational **Whitehorse Gospel Choir**, along with solo performers **Aine Whelan** and **U.M.A.N.** have generously agreed to participate (for free) in what we hope will be an inspirational night of music and song. I'm sure there will even be an opportunity for your members to Singalong...

Tickets (€15) are available online now at: <https://tinyurl.com/37ekmkaz> or directly from the Sacristy at Holy Trinity Church.

**White Horse Gospel Choir** - <https://www.facebook.com/whitehorsegospelchoir>.

**Aine Whelan** - <https://www.facebook.com/ainewhelanmusic>.

**LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

• **Third Sunday of Easter**

*'When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life? Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you? Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?'* **Intercom.**